

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A lens adapter to be mounted on a collapsible lens-type camera with a lens barrel moving between a projection position projected to a front of a case and a housing position housed within the case, the lens adapter ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

an attachment section configured to be mounted on the case in a detachable manner;
and

a lens barrel housing section provided at the attachment section ~~for housing and~~
configured to house the lens barrel,

wherein the lens barrel housing section includes a cylindrical wall section covering the lens barrel and an opening provided at a front end of the cylindrical wall section so as to expose a front end of the lens barrel,

wherein the cylindrical wall section ~~is formed of~~ has an internal diameter and length such that the lens barrel positioned at the projection position is covered ~~and~~,

wherein ~~with a female screw for attaching~~ configured to attach optical components ~~such as a filter and a conversion lens etc.~~ is formed at the opening, and

wherein the attachment section together with the lens barrel housing section are configured to partially expose the case when mounted on the case.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized in that:~~ wherein

the attachment section includes a first member and a second member swingably engaging with each other in a detachable manner, the first member having a front wall that

comes into contact with a portion of a front surface of the case nearer the lens barrel, and the second member having a rear wall that comes into contact with a rear surface of the case;

attachment of the attachment section on the case is achieved by making the first member and the second member connect in a state that the case is sandwiched with the front wall and the rear wall in a direction from front to rear; and

the lens barrel housing section is provided on the first member.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized in that:~~, wherein

the attachment section includes a first member and a second member swingably engaging with each other in a detachable manner, the first member having a first cylindrical wall formed in a semi-cylindrical shape, which forms a portion of the cylindrical wall section and the second member having a second cylindrical wall formed in a semi-cylindrical shape, which forms a remaining portion of the cylindrical wall section; and

the cylindrical wall section is formed with the first cylindrical wall and the second cylindrical wall.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized in that:~~, wherein

the attachment section includes a first member and a second member swingably engaging with each other in a detachable manner, the first member having a front wall coming into contact with a portion of a front surface nearer a lens barrel of the case and having a first cylindrical wall projecting from the front wall in a semi-cylindrical shape to form a portion of the cylindrical wall section and being provided with the opening and the second member having a front wall coming into contact with a portion other than a portion

contacted by a front wall of the first member on a front surface nearer a lens barrel of the case and a second cylindrical wall projecting from the front wall in a semi-cylindrical shape to form a remaining portion of the cylindrical wall section; and

the lens barrel housing section is formed with the first cylindrical wall and the second cylindrical wall.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 2 ~~characterized~~ in that, wherein the first member and the second member have a side wall respectively which comes into contact with a side surface of the case.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 4 ~~characterized~~ in that, wherein the first member have a side wall coming into contact with a side surface of the case.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized~~ in that, wherein the collapsible lens-type camera have a finder apparatus formed with an optic system separately from the lens barrel,

wherein the finder apparatus have an eyepiece window for viewing an image of a subject and is provided with opening and closing member for opening and closing the eyepiece window at a portion where the attachment section faces the eyepiece window.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized~~ in that, wherein the collapsible lens-type camera has a finder apparatus with a finder lens and is provided with opening and closing member for opening and closing the finder lens at a portion where the attachment section faces the finder lens.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized~~
~~in that,~~ wherein both the attachment section and the lens barrel housing section are made
from a synthetic resin having rigidity.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized~~
~~in that,~~ wherein

both the attachment section and the lens barrel housing section are made from a
synthetic resin having rigidity;

a metallic ring is embedded and fixed at a front end of the cylindrical wall section;
the opening is formed on an inside of an inner peripheral surface of the ring; and
the female screw is formed on an inner peripheral surface of the ring.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized~~
~~in that,~~ wherein the lens barrel housing section is formed of a material that blocks out light.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized~~
~~in that,~~ wherein a female screw for tripod attachment is formed in the case, a screw insertion
hole is formed at a portion of the attachment section facing the female screw for tripod
attachment in a state that the attachment section is attached to the case, and the lens adapter is
configured in such a way that the ~~insertion~~ attachment section is fixed on the case by
screwing an attachment screw into the female screw for tripod attachment via the screw
insertion hole.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized~~
~~in that the,~~ wherein a female screw for tripod attachment is provided at a portion that the
~~insertion~~ attachment section faces a lower surface of ~~[[a]]~~ the case.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1 ~~characterized~~
~~in that,~~ wherein various ~~switch~~ switches, in use for photographing, ~~such as a shutter switch, a~~
~~zoom operation switch and the like is~~ are provided and the ~~switch is~~ switches are located at
the outer side of the ~~insertion~~ attachment section and exposed outside in a state ~~that when~~ when the
~~insertion~~ attachment section is attached on the case.